

NOTICE OF RECORD OF DECISION INSTALLATION RESTORATION SITE 1 ALAMEDA POINT, CALIFORNIA



The Department of the Navy (Navy) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for Installation Restoration (IR) Site 1 at Alameda Point (formerly Naval Air Station [NAS] Alameda). The ROD was signed by the Navy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Department of Toxic Substance Control, and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board in November 2009.

Alameda Point is located on the northwestern tip of Alameda Island, which is on the eastern side of San Francisco Bay. In 1936, the U.S. Navy acquired the land from the U.S. Army, and built NAS Alameda to support the U.S. Navy's operations in Europe before World War II. The base was operated as an active Naval facility from 1940 to 1997.

IR Site 1 is located on the northwestern tip of Alameda Point where the Oakland Inner Harbor joins the San Francisco Bay. IR Site 1 presently includes four buildings, a portion of former aircraft runways 7 and 13, a former pistol and skeet range, a former aircraft engine and parts storage area, and several storm and sanitary sewer lines. IR Site 1 was used as the principal waste disposal area for all waste generated at NAS Alameda between the years 1943 to 1956. Sources of soil and groundwater contamination due to historical activities performed within IR Site 1 may have included buried waste, burn waste, pistol range bullets, skeet shot, and possible chemical releases from the former aircraft engine and parts storage area. The remedy selected to address contamination at IR Site 1 is described in the ROD and includes constructing a permanent soil cover, excavating contaminated soil due to former burn activities and disposing of it offsite, excavating chemical and radiological contamination in shoreline areas, in-situ chemical oxidation of the volatile organic compound (VOC) groundwater plume, and land use controls to prevent future exposure to contaminates beneath the soil cover. The remedy was one of several alternatives evaluated and presented in a Proposed Plan to the public for review. The remedy was selected after comments were received from the public. When this remedy is complete, IR Site 1 will be available for recreational use.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The IR Site 1 ROD and other site documents are available for public review on the Navy website, www.bracpmo.navy.mil, and at the following locations: For more information about the IR Site 1 ROD, please contact Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Coordinator ATTN: Mr. Derek Robinson, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 900, San Diego CA 92108-4310, (619) 532-0951.

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